

FIGHT TRUST IS INDICTED

Oliver Grand Jury Makes Partial Report, Returning Nine Indictments.

[By Associated Press.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—After being inactive for several months the Oliver grand jury today brought in a partial report, returning nine indictments against the "fight trust," the members of which are E. M. Graney, J. W. Cofforth, Willis Britt, Abraham Ruef and Eugene E. Schmitz. A separate indictment was also found against Schmitz for receiving a bribe from the "fight trust" and three against former supervisor G. H. Duffy for accepting bribes from the Home Telephone and United Railroads and from the San Francisco Gas company. An indictment was also found against Luther Brown for subornation of perjury in connection with the testimony of his chauffeur, Peter Callender, in the Fremont Older kidnapping case. The bail in each case was fixed at \$5000 bond or \$2500 cash. The Oliver grand jury will probably bring in its final report and adjourn sine die tomorrow afternoon.

RUINS CONCEAL MURDER

HORRIBLE CRIME COMMITTED ON LONELY RANCH IN OREGON.

[By Associated Press.]

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—News of the murder of four persons on a ranch near MacLeay reached here today. The bodies of Mrs. Casteel, her daughter and son, and that of the foreman of the ranch, a man named Montgomery, were discovered buried in the ruins of their abode in what is known as the Hurst ranch. Just how they were killed will probably never be known owing to the charred condition of the bodies, but from the fact that a shotgun and blood-stained hatchet were found near the place, it is surmised that those were in the slaughter. From the evidence at hand it seems the killing was done by tramps bent on robbery, who afterwards fired the house to give an impression that the victims were accidentally burned to death.

AWFUL ACCIDENT IN MINE

THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY THE IGNITION OF FIRE DAMP.

[By Associated Press.]

BELLEVERNON, Pa., Dec. 2.—A frightful accident occurred yesterday at the Naomi mine, of the United Coal company, near here. The explosion was caused by an ignition of fire damp. Up to midnight thirteen bodies have been recovered from the mine. Two of these were previously identified, but eleven of the bodies were horribly charred by fire following the explosion, and left at the bottom of the shaft so that the efforts to reach other victims might not be delayed through removing the dead ones to the surface.

KLEINSCHMIDT IS RELEASED

Grand Jury Finds Evidence Is Insufficient and Collegian Is Given His Liberty.

[By Associated Press.]

OAKLAND, Dec. 2.—The grand jury this afternoon refused to return an indictment against Harry Kleinschmidt, accused of murdering his friend, Frank Bellows, on the ground of insufficient evidence. District Attorney Brown states that he will take no further action in the case. Kleinschmidt will be released tomorrow on habeas corpus proceedings. The decision of the grand jurors was reached after an all day session, during which they examined nearly forty witnesses, whose statements had been taken by the chief of police and district attorney, since the investigation of the case began. Deputy District Attorney Carey explained the result tonight by saying the witnesses didn't tell the same stories in the grand jury room that they told the chief of police in the original investigation. Late tonight Harry Kleinschmidt was released from the county jail on the order of District Attorney Brown. He at once went to his home with his attorneys. Kleinschmidt was released on his own recognizance under promise that he will appear in court tomorrow when habeas corpus proceedings will be called.

MONEY QUESTION IS DISCUSSED

[By Associated Press.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—The financial situation in its varying phases was discussed tonight by financiers of national prominence before the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Among the speakers were Vice President Vanderlip of the National City bank of New York; Comptroller of Currency Ridgely, United States treasurer; Trent and many others, including Isaac Seligman of J. & W. Seligman, New York.

AGAIN REDUCES ITS DIVIDEND

[By Associated Press.]

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—The quarterly dividend of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company of \$10 declared today is a reduction of \$5 from that of three months ago.

EIGHT YEARS FOR THIEF.

[By Associated Press.]

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 2.—Frank Louder, alias R. H. Hunter, charged with robbing the Southern Pacific dining car of silverware two weeks ago, today pleaded guilty in the superior court, and was sentenced to eight years in Folsom penitentiary.

OPENING OF CONGRESS

GETTING JURY FOR PETTIBONE

[By Associated Press.]

BOISE, Dec. 2.—Surprising progress was made today in the work of selecting a jury to try George Pettibone for complicity in the Steunenberg murder. The state passed six of the jury for cause before adjournment of the morning session and at the afternoon and evening session eight were passed by the defense.

CHARLES SCHWAB REDUCES WAGES

[By Associated Press.]

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 2.—Following the visit of Charles M. Schwab today notices were posted at Bethlehem Steel works, announcing a 10 per cent reduction in wages.

GOVERNOR SUBMITS MESSAGE.

GUTHRIE, Dec. 2.—The message of the first governor of the new state was submitted to the legislature tonight in joint session amid great enthusiasm.

WILL RESUME WORK AT HAZEN

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A brilliant scene characterized the meeting of the sixtieth congress today. Striking events of the day were in the house of representatives where the formal selection of Joseph G. Cannon again to be speaker of that body, and the designation by the democrats of John Sharp Williams as their leader, were occasions for ovations for those gentlemen. The coming together for the first time of men who had been elected to the senate and house, about 100 of whom had not before served in congress, made the occasion one of particular interest. Both houses adjourned until noon tomorrow out of respect to the memory of senators and representatives who died during the recess of congress.

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[By Associated Press.]

RENO, Dec. 2.—According to orders received from the chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line, work will be resumed at Hazen on Monday, after a delay of more than two weeks. This work was being rushed by the engineers of the Oregon Short Line when a general order was issued ordering all work from Salt Lake to Sparks stopped. This resulted in more than 300 men being laid off and in all construction work at Imlay, Hazen, Pallas and other points being stopped. Now the construction department has decided to finish the roundhouse at Hazen and to otherwise improve that point, which is now the junction for the Oregon Short Line, the Fallon-Hazen line and the Nevada-California road, which runs into the southern mining cities. More than 150 men returned to work at Hazen Monday morning.

ARGUMENTS IN THE FORD CASE

[By Associated Press.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Arguments were begun today in the case of Tiley L. Ford, accused of bribing supervisors. Attorney O'Gara opened for the prosecution and Louis Byington for the defense. Attorneys A. A. Moore and Earl Rogers will close for the defense tomorrow afternoon, for the defense tomorrow morning, and Francis Heney for the prosecution. The case is expected to go to the jury in the afternoon.

BUSY SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS

The county commissioners met yesterday and had a very busy session. The total number of the bills presented for their consideration was 227, of which 181 were acted upon. The total amount of money allowed was \$21,000, and there is abundance in the treasury to pay them all, and still leave a big balance. There are forty-two bills for the consideration of the town board, which will meet in a few days.

RANCHERS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

[By Associated Press.]

FORT MORGAN, Colo., Dec. 2.—Zara Moon and John Ausmus, ranchmen in the Wildcat section, were found guilty in the district court today of murder in the first degree for killing Robert McDowell, a rancher and stock owner, who disappeared several years ago and whose skeleton was found on the prairie last spring. The jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

STOCKS WERE IN A TUMULT

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The price movement of stocks underwent some violent mutilations today and the course of the market gave abundant evidence of a revival of something like animation in speculation. The market was highly speculative throughout to a degree that has not been approached since the crisis in financial affairs. While prices were declining in the morning, assertions were current with equal positiveness that the market was discounting an expected bad influx in prices from the tenor of the presidential message. Bonds were irregular in sympathy with stocks, but decidedly more active and showed large absorption.

SAVINGS BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

[By Associated Press.]

DETROIT, Dec. 2.—State Bank Commissioner Zimmerman today announced that the Chelsea (Mich.) Savings bank, of which State Treasurer Frank Glazier is president, which has \$684,000 of state funds on deposit will not open for business tomorrow and will be taken in charge by the bank commissioner.

CONDITIONS ARE ON THE MEND

MARK KERR SAYS MONEY IS LOOSENING IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Mark B. Kerr, consulting engineer of the Montana-Tonopah, as well as several other mines, including the West End, arrived from the coast yesterday morning. He was accompanied by Ben F. Edwards, president of the West End, and Attorneys Frank L. Zallinsky and Peck of San Francisco. The last two named gentlemen are the attorneys for the West End company in its suit with the McNamara over the apex. They with Messrs. Edwards and Kerr, will go through the mine, and form a plan of campaign while they are here.

Mr. Kerr says conditions are improving in San Francisco, and that there has been a loosening of money since Thanksgiving day.

"The news from the east of the increase in money had a good effect on San Francisco, naturally," said Mr. Kerr, "and when I left there the banks were paying checks partly in cash and partly in clearing house certificates. This is a move in the right direction, and one that the people have been waiting for. The upward movement in the leading securities of the east augurs well for the immediate future, and I anticipate that the banks all over the country will soon be on a cash basis."

STEAMER IS TOTAL LOSS.

[By Associated Press.]

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 2.—The steamship Restigouche Quebec is reported a total loss on Cranberry head. Crew probably safe.

Bradley Jury Locked Up for the Night

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—At 10 o'clock tonight word came from the jury room in the Bradley case that there was no prospect of reaching a verdict tonight. Accordingly Justice Stafford ordered the jury locked up until court meets tomorrow morning.

THIS VAGRANT FULL OF NERVE

[By Associated Press.]

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—William Farnish, convicted of vagrancy, was sentenced to 150 days in jail. He was suspected of being one of the hold-ups who terrorized the city during the past month. He walked boldly from the court room today, after being sentenced, and made his escape.

FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF \$400,000

[By Associated Press.]

BUFFALO, Dec. 2.—The Pullman company's paint shop burned to the ground here tonight. Twenty-one Pullman cars were destroyed. The loss is \$400,000 and about 200 men are thrown out of employment.

ESTIMATES ARE INCREASED.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Secretary of the treasury today sent congress estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908. The figures show an increase of \$77,479,819 over the estimates for 1907, and an increase of \$56,220,646 over the appropriations for 1908. This last item, however, includes the deficiencies and permanent annual appropriations.

MOIR EASY FOR BURNS

[By Associated Press.]

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Tommy Burns, of America, knocked out Gunner Moir, of England, in the tenth round before the National Sporting club here tonight. The American had a comparatively easy task of disposing of Moir's pretensions to secure for himself the title of heavyweight champion of the world. After the fifth round Burns' victory was certain. In the tenth the gunner failed to rise to the call of time, being literally cut to pieces. Burns left the ring scarcely marked. The contest aroused the greatest amount of excitement and enthusiasm than any that has been decided in the National Sporting club since Slavin's defeat at the hands of Peter Jackson. Burns entered the ring at favorite odds of 7 to 4. A tremendous crowd outside the club's quarters awaited the result, and the announcement of Burns' easy victory caused great excitement.